City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Acting Chairman Jeri Fontenot called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:20 pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The Roll Call was conducted via sign in sheet. The following members were present: Jeri Fontenot, Lynn Hooper, Joe Tilger, Tim Pace, Lt. Marvin Gibbs, Kristen Harris and Jeff Ochsner. Absent from the meeting were Dr. Lori Trahan and Katie Rinz.

II. Consider approving the Minutes from both the March 9, 2010 meetings of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

The Minutes from the March 9, 2010 meeting were passed out and Board members were given time to review the Minutes. The Acting Chairman opened the floor for comments or questions. No comments were made. Jeri Fontenot called for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was made by Tim Pace and was seconded by Lynn Hooper. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Discussion of Possibility of Adding Micro-chips to Animal Shelter's Adoption Package.

Tabled to be discussed with Item VI.

IV. Discussion of Possibility of Adopting a Cat Containment Ordinance.

Jeff Ochsner provided copies of Ordinances from Richardson, Allen, Plano, North Richland Hills and Ft. Worth. After discussion, a motion was made to have Jeff Ochsner draft an ordinance for review at the next meeting. Tim Pace was in favor of Ft. Worth's ordinance. The motion was made by Tim Pace and seconded by Lynn Hooper. There were four votes for (Pace, Hooper, Tilger, Ochsner) and one against (Fontenot).

The Acting Chairman, Jeri Fontenot closed the item by opening the next item for discussion.

V. Update from Board members who attended the Parks Board meeting with regards to a dog park.

An update was provided, including an overhead view of the proposed site. Most agreed the "wedge" of land being provided was not sufficient. It was also discussed the Parks has a lot of

projects in progress and the dog park would be the lowest priority. The Vice-Chairman, Jeri Fontenot closed the item by opening the next item for discussion.

VI. Update from staff on including Micro Chipping in the Adoption Package.

The Vice-Chairman, Jeri Fontenot, opened the item for discussion. The Chairman recognized Jeff Ochsner. Mr. Ochsner told the board that he had surveyed surrounding cities regarding their adoption packages. He showed documentation from Richardson, Mesquite, Allen, Plano, Ft. Worth and Garland. Of the cities offering micro chipping, all provided the microchips with their adoption package at a fee that is equal to or less than our current fee. Lt. Gibbs is going to speak with Lynda Humble to ascertain if it is feasible for the City to absorb the cost of micro chipping as part of the adoption package. After continued discussion on this item, no action was taken and the item was closed by the Chairman.

VII. Topics for future agenda meetings.

Vice-Chairman Jeri Fontenot opened the floor for suggestions of topics for future agendas. Lt. Gibbs will provide an update on the requested funds from the City Manager for micro chipping. Discuss signage. May 1 Adopt-a-thon survey results. Jeff Ochsner to update with a draft of the cat containment ordinance. No other suggestions were made and the Vice-Chairman closed the item.

VIII. Public Announcements.

Jeff Ochsner announced that he appreciate the assistance of FRAS at the adopt-a-thon. No other suggestions were made and the Vice-Chairman closed the item.

IX. Adjournment.

The Vice-Chairman, Ms. Jeri Fontenot called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Lynn Hooper and was seconded by Tim Pace. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ms Watherine Rinz

Date Approved